(b) to (c) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement. *(See below)*

(d)' Due to limited allocation of funds for National Highways in the 8th Plan, it is diffiL cult to declare any new National Highways for the present.

Statement

Declaration of National Highways in Maharashtra

During the 8th Five Year Plan, the Government of Maharashtra has requested for the declaration of following eleven State Roads as New National Highway

S. No.	Name of the road	Length in Km.
1	Ratnagiri-Solapur-Nagpur	807
2	Western-Coastal Highway	704
3	Solapur-Osmanabad-Beed-Aurangabad-Dhule-Vadodara.	642
4	Bombay-Ahmedanagar-Nanded-Jagdalpur	660
5	Surat-Dhule	127
6	Aurangabad-Nanded-Hyderabad	351
7	Indore-Amravati-Yeotmal-Chandrapur-Durg	597
8	Aurangabad-Ajanta-Edlabad-Burhanpur	201
9	Betul-Nagpur-Chandrapur-Pattagundam	408
10	Amravati-Pandhurna	96
11	Mangalwedha-Jat-Belgaum	86
	TOTAL	4679 Km.

Shortfall in the fixed targets

1245. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report published in the Indian Express dated 21st December, 1593 under the headline "Rs. 2 134 crore plan to jmprove highways flops" is true;

(b) what are the reasons for the over.ill shortfall in the targets set by the Ministry of Surface Transport;

(c) whether Government have tried to fix any accountability for the lapses;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is contemplated to be taken thereon; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what is being done to ensure that such lapses do not occur in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGIDSH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Out of 2,665 project works targetted for completion, 2618.were completed.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Crane service on National Highways

1246. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government propose to introduce crane Service on National Highways to remove vehicles which break down on such highways; and

(b) if so; what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b)